THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) After considering all aspects of Sugar and Sugarcane policy the Government announced a comprehensive sugar policy on 16-2-1993, which included, *inter-alia*, raising of the Statutory Minimum price of Sugarcane for 1992-93 season to Rs. 31 per quintal and the advance announcement of Statutory Minimum Price for 1993-94 season at Rs. 32.50 per quintal. As per the current assessment the production of Sugarcane this year (1992-93) is likely to be about 250 million tonnes.

Rise in Female infanticide in Saleem distrcts of Tamilnadu

1408. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is an alarming rise in female infanticide in Salem district of Tamilnadu; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI): (a) Female Infanticide is understood o be practised by some communities in parts of Tamil Nadu particularly in Saleem District.

(b) Various programmes of action and advocacy are being implemented to project a positive image of girl children so as to bring about changes in societal attitudes towards them. A National Plan of Action for the SAARC Decade (1991—2000) of the Girl Child focussing on survival, protection and development of the girl child has been formulated. A special set of interventions for adolscent girls has been institutionalised through the ICDS infrastructure.

The State Government of Tamil Nadu has organised cradles in vulnerable areas to receive abandoned babies who can then be nurtured and cared by reputed voluntary organisations. It has also taken up a special campaign to arise public awareness on this issue in Saleem. The State Government has announced a Scheme of depositing Rs. 2000 in the name of the Girl Children from poor families so that this money can mature and can be used for her upkeep and development. To raise the status of women, a numbe of programmes of income generation activities have also been taken up. Besides the above measures, the State Government has also taken steps to strengthen the enforcement of the provisions of the relevant Criminal Laws.

Transfer Policy of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1409. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has

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no definite transfer policy of teachers since 1985 and they are transferred on adhoc basis;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Sangathan proposes to evolve a regular transfer policy?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH):(a) No, Sir. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has transfer guidelines approved by its Board of Governors and transfers are done in accordance with the transfer guidelines.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Financial Assistance for Improvement in Education

1410. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIPA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme to Government and Government aided schools for improvement of General Education Science, Medical and Technical Education during the current year Statewise;

(b) whether Government propose to give grants during the Eighth Plan to cover all schools for under training activities in the above mentioned areas of education;

(c) if so, the details therofe; and

(d) if not, the other steps Governmen propose to take to improve the quality of education in these fields?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of operation Blackboard started from 1987-88, financial assistance is being provided for improvement of general education facilities in primary schools with the aim of providing:—

(i) a building comprising at least two rooms;

(ii) at least two teachers per school; and

(iii) essential teaching learning materials.

So far 79 pre cent of the schools have been covered under the scheme. It is proposed to cover the remaining schools by 1993-94.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of improvement of science education started from 1987-88, financial assisance is being provided to the States|UTs for provision of science kits for upper primary schools, upgradation and strengthening of science laboratories|libraries in secondary|higher secondary schools, developing of instructional materials. and training of science and mathematics teachers. It is proposed to cover 52 per cent of the schools durng the 8th Plan.

The statement giving State|UT-wise financial asistance provided under the two Centrallly-Sponsored Schemes is attached (See below). There is no Centrally-Sponsored Scheme to provide assistance for improvement of the medical and technical education in schools.

(d): Does not arise.z